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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly  
amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.